

have good lubricant properties, also exhibit a good or excellent solubility in fluorinated refrigerants and they are therefore suitable for use in refrigerant compositions containing this kind of refrigerants. In particular the polyol esters used comprise the polyol HPHP (hydroxypivalyl hydroxypivalate) as such or together with another polyol, such as NPG, BEPD, ETHD, TMP, TME or PE and the carboxylic acid is a linear or branched C₅-C₁₈--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9, 16 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

17. (Amended) Refrigerant composition comprising a chlorine-free hydrofluorocarbon based refrigerant and, mixed therewith, a lubricant containing a polyol ester, wherein said polyol ester is prepared *in situ* and comprises a mixture of 3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-propyl-3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-propionate (HPHP) and

- an ester of trimethylol propane, trimethylol ethane, pentaerythritol or 2,2,4-trimethylpentadiol, the amount of the 3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-propyl-3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropionate being at least 50 mol-% of the polyol residue of the ester mixture, or
- an ester of 2-butyl-2-ethyl-1,3-propanediol, the molar ratio of the 2-butyl-2-ethyl-1,3-propanediol ester and the 3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-propyl-3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropionate being 5:95 - 99:1.